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VBT prevails in mediation for firing Anthony Karver

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The firing of Van Buren Township Fire Inspector Anthony Karver more than a year ago was upheld by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in its findings issued April 10.

Karver was fired March 10, 2014 and his protest was filed March 13. The case was heard Sept. 10, 22, and Oct. 28. The result was expected in January and then was postponed and postponed, with the findings finally released April 10, more than a year after the firing.

Mediator Joseph P. Girolamo signed the award stating Karver's grievance was denied.

The township said Karver, who has been employed by VBT since August 1992, was fired from his full-time position because he didn't pass the test required to keep his full-time job as Fire Inspector. Also, the township said, he was not separately a paid-on-call fire fighter, but attended fires as part of his full-time position, so he couldn't continue as a fire fighter, either.

The union, however, said that Karver was fired because he reported Kenneth Floro was doing personal errands while being paid as a fire department duty crew officer, leaving his partner to work alone. Floro is a lieutenant in both the VBT police and fire departments. He is the highest-paid employee in the township.

"... the decision to terminate Captain Karver was unrelated to his complaint about Captain Floro," said VBT Supervisor Linda Combs in the background report contained in the grievance award paperwork obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Supervisor Combs, who said she made the final decision to fire Karver, said that she met with Director Laurain and Chief Besson after Karver's third failure to pass

the test and she was also made aware of discipline in his personnel file, a tentative union agreement, and past arbitration decisions.

Karver was fired in March 2014 and passed the Fire Inspector II test in question in April 2014.

Local union president for the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters, Marc Abdilla, said the union does inform its membership of changes in a bargaining agreement when negotiations are completed.

A tentative agreement was initialized by both sides, but some of the terms concerning the Fire Inspector were not included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The CBA did state the Fire Inspector must have NFPA and state certification as a Fire Inspector I and II. The tentative agreement, however, specified the procedure by which the Fire Inspector will be allowed to obtain the necessary certification.

Abdilla, a witness in the proceedings, confirmed that the township had proposed eliminating the Fire Inspector position. In the course of discussion, Abdilla said, it was agreed the Fire Inspector would need to pass the Fire Inspector II test.

But, the union said Karver was not placed on notice that his failure on a third attempt would result in his termination.

Witness Abdilla said Karver had a regular schedule of 40 hours per week and all of his remaining hours were devoted to Paid-On-Call duty. He was paid at the Fire Inspector rate for all hours worked.

After he was fired last year, Karver filed a Whistleblower's law suit against the township and officials charging he was fired not for failing to pass the test, but because he said -- if his superiors didn't do something about stopping it -- he was going to pass on to the township board

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Celebrating the Library

Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville Area District Library Board greeted people who came to Saturday's open house at the library to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the district library and National Library Week. They also offered them a piece of the birthday cake. From left are LaChelle Reed Caver, John Juriga, Tanya Stoudemire, Sharon Peters, Mike Boulter, and Mary Jane Dawson. At right is board member Joy Cichewicz, who arrived too late for the group picture, but had plenty of time to present her report on the library survey that she wrote. She gave a preliminary report to the library board on April 14 and then polished it up and gave it again to the visitors on Saturday.



Members of the Belleville High School Jazz Band entertained people attending Saturday's open house at the library to mark the fifth anniversary of the Belleville Area District Library and National Library Week.

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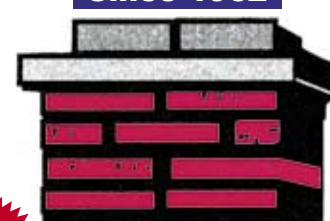
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council sets special meeting to decide on bond for road repair

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A special work/study session has been set for 6 p.m., May 11, by the Belleville City Council to consider going out for a bond to repair city streets.

DPW Director Keith Tackett guessed it would take about \$14 million to do the job.

At Monday's regular meeting, the council received a detailed pavement evaluation report from Hennessey Engineers rating the condition of all the city streets in Belleville. Each street was rated 1 (failure of pavement) to 10 (excellent).

Streets not included were the streets owned by Wayne County: Huron River Drive, Savage Road, and Sumpter Road.

Ryan Kern of Hennessey reported that he did the field evaluation at the end of March on the 10 miles of city streets.

DPW Director Keith Tackett said Harbour Pointe streets fell one full point over the harsh winter. He said it would have taken just over \$1 million to repair the Harbour Pointe streets last year and now it is more than \$1.2 million.

The council was told Main Street is rated an 8. It should have been maintained and the joints and cracks sealed, Kern said.

"All of our joints opened up. All the sealer is gone," Tackett said. "It would take just

four to five days to make Main Street last an extra 10 years."

"I have a concern," said Councilwoman Kim Tindall. "We just did Main Street and it's an 8 already."

Tackett said in the evaluation they found just one pothole on Main Street and patched it at once. He said when the joints are open to the water it will freeze and thaw next winter and deteriorate.

Tackett said a whole lot of 4" water mains are below the surface and they have to be replaced with 8" minimum mains.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the city's financial consultants are interested in what the total road package would be. She said the funds in the Major and Local Streets account would not be enough.

"It would have to be a bond," Mayor Kerreen Conley said and it would be better to have just one bond rather than several. "One bond and how many years?"

She said the council has to decide, "If we would schedule it, what would it look like? So, the finances can be set up."

Mayor Conley said in order to have support from voters throughout the city they have to insure all the streets are brought up to the same standards.

She asked Kern to sort out the streets by their ratings so they can be considered by the council.

Councilman Tom Fielder said they should set up a crack seal program at once to save the quality of the roads.

Councilwoman Tindall said the paperwork shows it would take just \$40,000 to seal Main Street.

When guesses were being made about how much it would cost to do all the streets, Tackett said: "\$14 million, I would guess."

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved Mayor Conley's first appointment to the Civil Service Commission since the voters refused to eliminate the commission last November. The new appointee is Jacqueline Schank-Ulch of Harbour Pointe;

- Approved Egan's Pub use of the Fourth Street Square on Sept. 12 for its Half Way to St. Patrick's Day party and for March 17, 2016 for its St. Patrick's Day party. Both parties are from 7 a.m. to midnight. Tindall voted no on both events since she opposes alcohol being served on city property;

- Approved the use of the Fourth Street Square for the Kona Strawberry Run on June 19 during Strawberry Festival in order to put up a beer tent and serve a free drink to each runner after the race. Tindall voted no on that, as well. Larry O'Sullivan of Kona said they will have live entertainment on the course, with a Scare Station at the cemetery



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Monday morning barriers went up on East Huron River Drive in downtown Belleville as county workers prepared for the mill and fill project from Five Points to Martinsville Road. They hope to be done by Strawberry Festival in June.

and Hawaiian dancers and ukulele players at another spot. The course starts at Horizon Park, heads along Main Street to the Denton Road bridge, over the bridge and up Denton Road in a course through subdivisions and then back to the city;

- Approved Lori Werner's "Fitness in the Park" project sponsored by the Central Business Community. Ken Voigt said Werner came to him with her plan pointing out Plymouth has such a project. This will be in Victory Park for six weeks on Wednesdays starting June 24. It will be free with different fitness organizations running it each week;

- Approved a new date for the Autism Boot Drive by the Belleville Fire Department from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, and a rain date of 3-7 p.m. on April 30. The last date approved got rained out;

- Opened three bids for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Sewer Rehabilitation Program project, which had a pre-bid estimate of \$497,000: Liquiforce Services, \$423,043.13; Pipeline Management Co., \$558,847; and Inland Waters, \$458,251. The bids were turned over to the engineers for a recommendation at the next meeting. The anticipated start date is July 15, with substantial completion by the end of the year; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$191,362.03 and departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Current Election for motor replacement, \$852; to ES&S for election programming, \$1,308.03; to Hennessey for S-2 Sewer Grant, \$7,600; to Macomb Community College for training class, \$695; to SLC for maintenance agreement, \$3,347.50; to SMART for repair/maintenance, \$812.16; to Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association for annual membership dues, \$600; and to Wayne County Accounts Receivable for prisoner lodging at Dickerson, \$1,050.

Library Board approves \$3,800 for consultant to help in director search

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library Board approved paying \$3,800 for services of consulting firm Hartzell-Mika to help them find the best new director for the local library.

At the board's regular meeting April 14, the board was informed they got the services down to \$3,800 from a quote of \$5,000 and there will be a lesser amount the consultant charges for each trip from Lansing.

The board approved payment of \$1,500 to seal the deal.

The job description was posted March 17 and the deadline for applications is April 30. Salary is \$75,000 to \$80,000 with a competitive benefits package.

The board compared schedules to find out when during the week of May 11 members will be available to meet with Mary Ann Hartzell, the consultant. After that, Hartzell has plans to be gone until the middle of June, Dawson said.

There seemed to be many schedule conflicts and chairman Mary Jane Dawson said, "It may be we don't get everybody together."

Dawson said it depends on how many applicants they get as to how much time they will need for interviews. She said there were three applications as of April 14.

Director Debra Green has announced her retirement as of May 15.

Karver

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reports and evidence about a fire fighter who was getting paid for hours he was not on the job.

The Whistleblower case, filed by Karver's attorney Richard Convertino on June 11, 2014, is due for a motion hearing this Friday and a case evaluation on May 18 before Wayne County Civil Court Judge David J. Allen in Detroit. The settlement conference has been set for July 6.

Defendants in the Whistleblower's case, besides the township, are VBT Fire Chief Daniel Besson, VBT Supervisor Combs, VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain, and VBT Battalion Chief/Fire Marshall David McNally.

The lawsuit asks for Karver to be reinstated to his former position of employment without loss of seniority; reinstatement as captain; back pay; an award in excess of \$25,000 to compensate him for his pain, suffering, loss of reputation, emotional distress, mental anguish, embarrassment, humiliation, outrage and other injuries; exemplary and punitive damages, interest, and costs and attorney fees.

A jury trial is demanded.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT to sue Visteon, but won't pay down the bonds

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, the board voted to sue Visteon to help pay for the bonds VBT will be unable to pay in 2018 and thereafter.

In related action, the board also voted not to pay down any of the bonds to help refinance them in an effort to save \$2 million in interest costs.

Because of the devaluation of the real estate at what once was Visteon Village, the township has faced a shortfall in property tax that was supposed to cover the bonds the township floated to help build the complex.

Visteon's bankruptcy and its settlement with VBT didn't help. But Visteon had pledged to help pay the bonds if VBT couldn't and they appear to have backed out of that and don't want to talk about it.

While bond attorneys urged the township to put in place a Plan B (that is, a millage to cover the bond payments) to help sell the refinancing bonds, board members stopped short of that.

When Supervisor Linda Combs realized she was the only one in favor of paying down the bonds with a \$4 million payment, she joined the other board members for a united front to deny such a payment.

Van Buren Township now is depending on Visteon to ante up. There is no Plan B — as yet. But, if Visteon doesn't pay, the only ones left to pay the bonds are the taxpayers of Van Buren Township.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Jason Goldman, who partnered with Bryan Suliman in a Belleville law firm, has left the firm and has become corporate counsel for a large automotive company with offices in Auburn Hills. As of Monday he no longer works in Belleville. He said Bryan will take over many of the open cases he had here.

I'm going to miss him. I especially enjoyed seeing him in court for a recent case of a dog that didn't bite the ordinance officer.

Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller said she read about the lady wishing for an Aldi grocery store in the former Farmer Jack building and wanted to tell us that once she was elected, she contacted Aldi and asked them to consider the Farmer Jack space.

She said they told her they would want a store more on Belleville Road. They told her that they have guidelines for stores on their computers and if VBT pops up they would look at a store here.

Trustee Miller said Aldi is under-rated and under-appreciated. She has been shopping there for years and is not a "grocery snob." She said the quality is good and an Aldi potato chip is just as good as a name-brand chip — maybe better. (I've been alerted that Aldi IS looking at Farmer Jack.)

Trustee Miller said she tried to get a Panera's for VBT, too, but one has to have a big bankroll as well as a record of running successful restaurants before they can even apply to have a restaurant.

A reader dropped by to tell me about the terrible situation on both sides of Martz



Road between Hoeft and Lohr roads at the railroad track in VBT.

She said it is a dirt road and people are using it for a trash dump. She said it looks worse than the Detroit streets you see on TV when they are reporting on dumping.

She said there are beds, couches, paint containers, tires, and bags and bags of garbage.

She said the work crews from 34th District Court come out and clean it up and the next day it is full of trash again. Also, a resident on that corner goes out and cleans it up over and over again and it gets dumped on again.

"It looks bad. It's gross," the distraught lady said. She thought by telling us at the paper and we printing it, maybe somebody will figure out what to do about this.

At a Sumpter Township meeting, Mary Ban asked about why the warning sirens didn't go off in Sumpter on Thursday, April 9, when a tornado warning was on in Washtenaw County, just to the west. "Someone should have alerted us," said Ban who lives on the western side of the township. She said the Ypsilanti Township siren went off at Marts and Rawsonville Road.

Police Captain Eric Luke explained the situation. He said he was at the Sumpter Township Planning Commission meeting that night and he stood by the door watching the western sky and also was in

contact with Sumpter's dispatch in Huron Township. A tornado watch was issued for Sumpter, but not a warning.

He said the tornado warning was in the western side of Washtenaw County and the weather went north, not coming toward Sumpter. The storm for Sumpter didn't meet the requirements of wind gusts for them to have to use the sirens.

When Ban asked if sirens could have been set off on the western side of Sumpter, Luke said Sumpter's sirens are all set off at once.

A reader who lives in eastern Washtenaw County thought that what she heard that night were Van Buren Township's new sirens being set off. She was hearing the Washtenaw County sirens. VBT's sirens aren't ready to go just yet.

I hear there is some interest in tying the city of Belleville's siren into the VBT group of 16 sirens so they would all go off together when a warning is necessary.

A reader came in to suggest I remind people to ask for their absentee ballots for the May 5 election. He said he called to ask about his ballot and they told him they sent them out the week before. Ask for your absentee ballot if you need one.



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Letters

Can't pay Visteon bonds, cop makes \$1M

To the Editor:

Something really stinks in Van Buren, and it's not just the smell in the township in the Valley of the Methane Mountains. Van Buren is coming to grips that it will have major shortfalls of paying the Visteon bonds; surprise, surprise; and this from a township that every year pays out more than \$6 million in wages, with most of it going to the police forces.

They cannot come up with \$4 million, due, but every 5 years, the top police officer makes a \$1 million easy. Of course, even the union people are crying foul, defending the blended rate, that each year has been supposed to be stopped.

The elected officials need to really be held responsible for this fiasco that has yet to stop. Here's an idea for you, from me: do not allow police officers to have double duty; let the fire department have all the people it needs and the police to do their job; if an officer gets called to a fire, which they do, even if they help out, it is on their own pay, not a blended rate.

It's called *to serve and protect*. Protect the community, not your retirement. You are paid to be police; I don't want you to be less than helpful, if you are tired from working your real job, nor do I want you from taking the fire dept. needs. I can see a police officer, risking his life, at a high 5-figure salary, but when you make over \$1 million in 5 years' time, something really stinks. Van Buren, change this now, period.

All of this should also be a lesson to the BADL; the largest sponsor of a local library, cannot raise its own funding to pay its bills, is not going to, nor will the residents want to support another tax; period.


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your waste of money for the funky, chunky monkey survey was a complete failure; really MJ, when will this all stop?

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Bob Balderston
Belleville

Here's Proposal 1 in a nutshell – Vote NO

To the Editor:

Hello friends, I know we all want good roads and I know it is tempting to support Prop 1 on May 5th. But is Prop 1 the best solution or is it the result of political failure in Lansing? Here is a bit of history and Prop 1 in a nutshell.

1. Corporate Tax Break ...

A few years ago, our state legislature and governor passed a 1.7 billion dollar tax break for corporations (an 83% tax cut).

2. Not enough \$\$\$ for roads ...

Today, the benefit from those tax breaks has failed to pay for itself and our roads need over 1 billion dollars for repairs.

3. Political Gridlock ...

Our law-makers refuse to roll-back or undo the corporate tax breaks that created this mess.

4. Passing the Buck ...

Republicans and Democrats created Prop 1 and they are asking us to raise taxes on ourselves.

5. Political Failure ...

If our law-makers did the job we elected them to do, Prop 1 would not exist.

Prop 1 would create the second-highest sales tax in the country. That sales tax is a regressive tax which means it is mostly paid for by the middle class and poor. Let me be clear ... Prop 1 would be paid for (mostly) by the middle class and poor.

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Obituaries



Wayne Rouster

WAYNE THEODORE ROUSTER

(February 27, 1932 - April 21, 2015)

Wayne Theodore Rouster, age 83, a Belleville resident since 1941, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI. Born March 27, 1932 in Manistee, MI, son of the late Jacob and Lucille (Denoyer) Rouster.

He and his family moved to Belleville in 1941 from Manistee. He attended Belleville High School and was one of the first veterans from Belleville High School to be awarded his High School diploma with the graduating class of 2005, this was made possible by new legislation to honor veterans who served during the Korean war. Wayne served his country in the United States Navy for 4 years as an Airman.

Mr. Rouster was employed at the Wayne County road commission for 35 years, working in the Wayne County Parks and later as a plumber at Detroit Metro Airport and retiring from Willow Run Airport.

Surviving are his wife Jean; daughter Kathy (Glenn) Tomford of Ypsilanti; son Gary (Carol) of Jackson; one brother, John (Lorella) Rouster of Indiana; sister Marion (Norman) Olmstead of Michigan; one sister-in-law Carol Rouster and son, Brent, of Michigan; three grandsons,

Eric (Ryanne) Tomford, Aaron Tomford and Nathaniel Rouster; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, William, Norman, Ellery, Leroy, all of Michigan and Burnill of Ohio, also one sister, Naomi of Michigan.

Visitation will be held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr, Belleville, MI, on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 11 AM to 1 PM with a memorial service

at 1 PM. Cremation rites have been accorded. Interment of cremated remains will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and would be appreciated by the family. Please sign Wayne's online guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Obituaries



Deborah Lee James

DEBORAH L. JAMES

(August 22, 1964 - April 6, 2015)

Deborah Lee James, age 50, life-long Belleville area resident, passed away Monday, April 6, 2015. She was born August 22, 1964 in Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of Ralph Thomas & Marion Joan (Szajnuke) Otterson. Debbie graduated from Belleville High School in 1982. She worked at L&W and Ford Motor Company as a quality tech for several years. She was a former member of the Ypsilanti VFW Auxiliary. She was a current member of the Westland Eagles and Taylor Moose lodge. She enjoyed sports, especially University of Michigan, and NASCAR racing. She was a social, adventurous, and easy-going person who loved time with family and friends.

Ms. James is survived by her companion Al Gross; a son Drake James of Belleville; her mother Marion Szajnuke of Holiday, Florida; five siblings, Patricia Scission of Holiday, Florida, David (Annette) May of Taylor, MI, Doreen May of Lewisburg, Tennessee, Yvonne Shott of Chapel Hill, Tennessee, and Fred (Gail) May of Ypsilanti, MI; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her father Ralph Otterson, a son Roman Ewing in infancy, also, a sister, Diana Jo Rakotz.

Visitation was 12-3 PM Saturday, April 11, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Her Funeral Service followed at 3 PM. Cremation rites were accorded.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the funeral home to help the family defray expenses would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

GAYLORD 'DUTCH' BAUER

(January 14, 1926 - April 18, 2015)

Age 89 of Milan, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Saline Evangelical Home. To view complete obituary please visit www.ochalekstark.com.



Jean E. Lomas

JEAN E. LOMAS

(November 17, 1925 - March 6, 2015)

Jean E. Lomas, age 89, of Belleville, Michigan, died March 6, 2015.

She was the beloved wife of the late William E. Lomas, loving mother of Sharon L. (Rodger) King, James C. Lomas and Kathleen Lomas Beck. Dear grandmother to Robin, James Jr., Kristy, Michael, Jamie, Brian, and Shaun. Great-grandmother to Raena, Jeffrey, Tiffany, Jacob, Emilie, Nina, Melissa, Matthew, Dallas, Chloe, Collin, Dayton, Clayton, and Corey. She was also great-great grandmother to Alexis and Clayton.

Best friends are also family. Her oldest and dearest friend was Mary Rice of Ypsilanti and her newest, wonderful friend, Angella Griffith. She was married to William E. Lomas for over 70 years. They met as children when his older brother married her older sister. They married at ages 16 and 18, and of course some of the family members thought they were too young and tried to break them up. However, William's father told everyone to "Leave them alone. You never know, it just might work out." Of course, they drove each other crazy from then on, but even after being married for so many years, William would still get jealous over Jean's high school sweethearts. William passed away nine months before she did.

As a teenager she developed a love for music and played piano, organ, trumpet, and French horn. As an adult she was a stay-at-home mom who kept her home spotless and always served

up home-cooked meals every day. To her, family always came first.

One of her favorite pastimes was reading. She especially liked the stories in Guideposts, and also Mitch Albom, sports writer and author of numerous faith-based, inspirational books. The first book she received by Albom she read in one day. She also loved listening to all kinds of music, her favorites being Lawrence Welk, Eddy Arnold, and pianist Floyd Cramer. She enjoyed watching television, and if the Virginian was on you couldn't talk to her until it was over. She also was a regular fan of Dr. Quinn - Medicine Woman, Little House on the Prairie, and Walker, Texas Ranger.

She totally used up every day of her life until her hearing failed her, followed by her eyesight and then her heart. She never wasted a moment, and when she was ready to go, she let us know. She said she missed Dad.

The service has taken place.

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Marjorie Elizabeth Holton

MARJORIE ELIZABETH HOLTON

(April 4, 1969 - April 17, 2015)

Marjorie Elizabeth Holton, age 46, of Belleville, MI, passed away Friday, April 17, 2015 at her home. She was born April 4, 1969 in Garden City, MI, daughter of Paul Henry & Nancy Maureen (LaPorte) Summers.

Marjorie was a 1987 graduate of Belleville High School. She worked for Custom Companions caring for the elderly for nearly ten years and loved her job. She also enjoyed playing games,

especially bingo, Yahtzee, poker and going to the casino. She also loved babies and animals, especially dogs and polar bears. She cherished time spent with family and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Holton is survived by her loving husband William Remus Holton; four furry kids: Bruiser, L.B., Spyke, and Panda; mother Nancy Summers of Belleville; father-in-law Lonnie (Susan Dussia) Holton; brothers Joe (Debra) Summers of Belleville and Jimmy (Brea) Olinger of Westland; two sisters-in-law Sonja (David) Reinhardt of South Lyon, MI and Sabrina Maher of New Jersey; two brothers-in-law Joshua and Christopher Holston; nieces Janie (Ryan) Branham of Belleville and Jessica Martinez of Onstead, MI; nephew Mike (Kelly) Martinez of Southgate, MI; great-nieces and great-nephews Skyler, Ethan, Natalie, Mikeila, Alex, Madisyn, Steve, Miguel, Kiera, Katlyn and Alana, also numerous cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, father Paul "George" Summers on August 4, 2003, brother Dennis Summers on February 22, 2007, also several aunts and uncles.

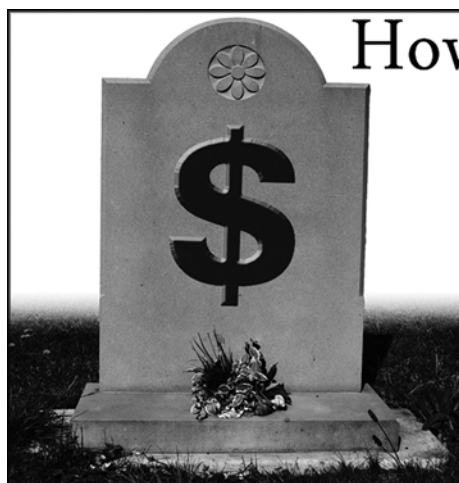
Visitation was 5-8 PM Sunday, 12-8 PM Monday, and 10-11 AM Tuesday, April 21, 2015 with an 11 AM Funeral. Pastor Joe Kennedy officiated. Interment followed in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help defray expenses. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

MARILYN LUCILLE HORTON

(March 5, 1931 - April 7, 2015)

Age 84 of Belleville. Survived by children: Deborah, Frank, Jim, Jan, and Mari; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister Evelyn; brother-in-law Lawrence. Service was April 10. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



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Obituaries



Rose Mary Ostrowski

ROSE MARY OSTROWSKI

(October 7, 1913 – April 12, 2015)

Rose Mary Ostrowski passed away Sunday, April 12, 2015 at her daughter's home, surrounded by family. She was born in Yonkers, New York, on October 7, 1913 to father Michael Wyzykowski and mother Rosemary Hojina.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph P. Ostrowski and son Leonard, also brother Chester Wyzykowski and four sisters: Josepine Carroll, Helen Ostrowski, Hatti Kveen and Irene Dzwigalski.

Her family moved to Michigan in her early years. On November 7, 1931 she married her loving husband Joseph and they were married for 71 years. They had four children: Leonard (Betty) of Belleville, Richard (Margaret), now resides in Kentucky, Ronald moved from California, now resides in Belleville and Jeanette Kramer of Newport News, Virginia. Rose enjoyed time with her 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and many great-great-grandchildren.

In her early years she was a member of the Ladies Altar Society of St. Anthony Catholic Church, PNA and the Sumpter Civic Club where she and her husband Joe helped in running bingo. They also enjoyed bowling and playing bingo.

In addition to taking care of her family, she also worked outside the home, which included, years ago: the Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti, Belleville Hospital, Beyer Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, she drove a school bus for Lincoln Consolidated Schools, and worked at Pinter's Greenhouse.

She enjoyed company and always had a big spread of food for them to enjoy. Living on a farm, there was always something to do, but she always managed to help others in need. Rose has lived the past 13 years with her daughter in Virginia. In her 101 years she has seen and endured many things. She will always be in our hearts and remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Visitation was 6-8 PM Friday, April 17, 2015 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was 11 AM Saturday, April 18, 2015 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111 with visitation 10-11 AM at church. Father Thomas H. Cusick served as Celebrant. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Doris E. Nieman

DORIS E. NIEMAN

(December 23, 1923 - April 17, 2015)

Doris E. Nieman, age 91, of Van Buren Township, died April 17, 2015. Loving mother of Tom (Linda) Bitner, Pat (Carol) Bitner, Dave (Lisa) Nieman, Paulette (Kenny) Jones and Danny (Donna) Nieman. Dearest grandmother and great-grandmother of many and loving aunt of many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Albert Nieman, her first husband Alfred Leroy Bitner, her children Donald Nieman, Raymond Bitner, Gerald Bitner and Kathleen Greca, her parents Everett and Margaret Luxton, and 2 bothers. Service was Tuesday, 11 AM. Her cremation took place at "The Witness Crematory" located inside of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Monday, 1-8 PM.

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ROBERT G. BAKER, JR.

Robert G. Baker, Jr., age 70, son of Mildred Baker and the late Robert Baker of Belleville, was killed in a traffic accident in California on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Robert has four children, all living in California. He also has six grandchildren and another one expected in August.

Robert was a graduate of Belleville High School, class of 1962, then attended Michigan State University. He is married to Sharon (Hammacher), also from the BHS class of 1962. He also is survived by his mother, one brother James (Linda), and one sister Joan (Thomas Vicary). He will be sadly missed by all.

Judge Parrott dismisses charges against Dunn after witness not there

On April 8, 34th District Court Judge David Parrott dismissed charges against defendant Michael Earl Dunn, 45, when the complainant/witness against him did not appear in court. The charges were dismissed without prejudice, meaning they could be refiled in the future.

Van Buren Township Detective Ken Toney served the witness and was unsuccessful in getting him to court.

Court-appointed defense attorney was W. Otis Culpepper, who said there was an attached issue. His client had his CPL taken along with his weapon. He asked if this court could do anything about that.

Judge Parrott said the attorney could file to regain the property and Det. Toney gave Culpepper his card so this issue could be pursued.

Dunn's original preliminary exam was set for April 1, but was adjourned by Culpepper.

Dunn posted bond of \$10,000/10% for charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and weapons/felony firearm which allegedly occurred in VBT on March 14. His bond will be refunded.

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Crime Fighters vs. the Flame Fighters

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Many thanks to all the men and women who put on such a great basketball game, from Van Buren and Belleville Police Departments and Van Buren, Belleville, and Sumpter Fire Departments.

All I can say is: I hope you are all ready for next year -- and that the Crime Fighters did win this year. So, are we going to even the score or will the "Flame Fighters" heat up the court and keep the lead?

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Kayleigh Hunley, Caine D'Onofrio set wedding ceremony for May 30

Kayleigh Viola Hunley of Ypsilanti and Caine Anthony D'Onofrio of Belleville are planning a May 31 wedding.

Kayleigh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Hunley, Jr. of Ypsilanti. Caine is the son of Tony and Stella D'Onofrio of Belleville.

Kayleigh graduated from Calvary Christian Academy of Ypsilanti and Central Michigan University. She works at the University of Michigan Hospital as a social worker.

Caine graduated from Belleville High School and spent four years in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Full Sail University of Winter Park, FL. Caine also works at U of M.

Caine is a member of Friendship Church of Canton, where he serves as one of the piano players for the church. Kayleigh attends the church with him.



Kayleigh Hunley and Caine D'Onofrio

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Last Thursday the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce held a 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome the Atchinson Ford dealerships' new Quick Lane business next door to its pre-owned center on Belleville Road. Craig Atchinson holds the bow of the ribbon and is surrounded by employees and well-wishers. The Canton Chamber of Commerce held another ribbon cutting at noon. There are more than 400 Quick Lane Centers across the country.



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Shortly after 3 p.m. on Monday a car crashed into a pillar at the Secretary of State's office in Belleville. J&T pulled the car onto its trailer and cleared the scene. Some bystanders suggested the driver must have failed his driving test.



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Sumpter gives \$10,000 to support Belleville Area Museum

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After 17 years of not financially supporting the Belleville Area Museum, the Sumpter Township Board at its April 14 meeting voted unanimously to send \$10,000 to the museum.

The allocation was put into the budget for 2015, said Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis. Sumpter's budget year just started.

"This is a year-to-year thing," said Supervisor John Morgan. "If we can afford it, we will do it. We're not committed."

In March 1998, when Sumpter was having budget woes, it was taken out of the budget and not returned until now.

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, which runs the museum, had discussed closing it or cutting back hours if it couldn't get the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township to join in its support as they had promised in a past, signed, three-way agreement. The city has cut its donation back to \$10,000 with \$1,500 from its Downtown Development Authority. VBT covers the rest of the \$66,670 in expenditures.

Armatiss said the museum was looking for a speaker for June on Sumpter Township history and Mary Ban said Jean Hartwig is the township historian.

In other business at the April 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved the lease/purchase of two 2015 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs at a total cost of \$58,250.88 (including extended warranty of \$1,340 per car) to replace the car totaled in a January accident and to replace a 2011 car with 120,000 miles on it. Trustee Don Swinson, who works at Atchinson Ford, abstained from the vote. The board also agreed to give the old police car to Clerk Clarence Hoffman to use for township errands and the former police car now used by Hoffman to the fire chief. The fire chief's old car will be disposed of. Captain Eric Luke said insurance paid for

2/3 of the totaled police vehicle and 60-70% of the police equipment in that car can be reused;

- Approved a renewed agreement with West Shore for annual maintenance of the outdoor warning equipment at a cost of \$5,600. There now are 14 sirens;

- Approved a fast-track agreement with Carleton Farms to accept ash from the Detroit Incinerator at \$1.25 per ton for a new contract now being bid upon. The township's agreement had called for \$2.50 per ton, but there has been none since Carleton Farms lost the contract. The agreement is expected to bring \$175,200 in new income to the township. This is a one-time approval for the upcoming contract and anything after that would have to come back to the board or the township would be paid the \$2.50;

- Approved cutting checks from the Sumpter Festival account for \$6,000 to O&W/Miller Beer and \$500 to Holly Swinson for beer tent supplies;

- Approved using Parks and Recreation funds to pay \$2,340 for Mid-West Coating to install an epoxy floor system in the Parks and Recreation building. Swinson said is the same as is in the renovated Quick Lane Center at Atchinson Ford;

- Approved purchase of gravel and grading of the road in Banotai Park at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 with the contractor yet to be determined;

- Approved hiring two part-time police officers: Patrick Russell and Joshua Scaglione. Captain Luke said this puts the department at 16 sworn officers, including the chief, and all but three are full time; and

- Heard Ban say she understands the growing of marijuana takes a lot of water and she wondered if that is what is sucking up the water in drought-stricken California. She said a lot of people wouldn't mind marijuana plants sucking up the extra water in Sumpter Township. She asked Trustee

Matthew Oddy to look into the issue of water and marijuana and he said he would.



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James Williams gives school board update on bus garage fire

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's work/study session of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Building and Grounds Director James Williams gave a detailed report on what the district is doing to recover from the bus garage fire last November.

He said they hope to have a functioning garage again before the new school year.

Williams said the district lost four vehicles, including a big dump truck. It had a value of \$95,000 to replace it and the district got \$72,000 from the insurance company. He said they are looking at other options, like getting a smaller dump truck.

Two vans have been replaced, but the 2000 transportation service vehicle was almost worthless and insurance paid nothing.

School supt. Van Tassel said the insurance company claimed that vehicle was not covered because the policy was not updated the way the company wanted it. He said that

vehicle was sent out to jump-start buses instead of sending out costly tow trucks.

He said the insurance company offered \$62,000 for the dump truck, "take it or leave it," and the district negotiated and got \$10,000 more.

"I don't like to roll around in the mud, but ... He played good cop. I played bad cop," Van Tassel said of Williams. "They did right by us ultimately."

Williams said three other vans damaged by the fire were parked behind the building. They were repaired and are back in operation.

Van Tassel said the service vehicle will be a cost to the district.

Williams said the loss on the building is \$800,000, which includes tools for maintenance and mechanics, mowers, welders, bus and building supplies. There were 100,000 items listed for the adjustor on about 100 pages. He said they are getting close to hearing from the insurance

company after it asked for more information on the hoist and mowers.

"We will continue to negotiate for the full replacement cost," Van Tassel said, adding if a mechanic owned his own tools, his own insurance would have to pay for it. He said it could be \$40,000 to \$60,000 for one mechanic.

"They shouldn't have said they were his tools," suggested board member Kathy Kovach.

Van Tassel said the district anticipates getting all its own tools replaced.

When asked how the district was taking care of its buses now, Williams said they went out and bought tools and borrowed a service truck for two months. Van Tassel said the insurance company gave the district \$50,000 in the interim.

Williams said they had to purchase large bumper jacks for the buses.

Williams said it will take \$900,000 to restore that building in an expedited timeline. He said they are close to starting and it will take 12 weeks to reconstruct at the same site on a new slab once all the materials are on site.

He said currently they are in the design process. He said they are replacing a pre-1970s building and there could be additional cost for code issues.

Van Tassel said the insurance company is responsible for the code issues and if the district wanted to add something – like another bathroom – the district would have to pay.

Williams said they are using a Design Build process where they pull permits, do ground work in an expedited process and award bids. Once the prefab building is in place, the design team finishes.

"We asked Davenport to do this work," Van Tassel said, adding the insurance company has the power to choose whomever it wants to do the work, but he suggested a local firm. He said the insurance company would pay directly to Davenport since the insurance company is in charge.

Van Tassel said he expects at least comparable to what the district had or better.

Board President Brent Mikulski suggested the district step back and look at the insurance and perhaps put a rider on for the mechanics' tools.

Van Tassel said they are doing that at the end of spring or summer and they may rebid. He estimated the company has been

in place for five years and, so far, they are doing well with the fire.

In other business at the work/study session the board heard the first reading of a board policy update on bullying, to comply with state law. The second reading will be at an upcoming regular meeting.

When the *Independent* asked if you didn't have to do a first reading at a regular meeting where votes could be taken, Van Tassel said they will do the second reading at a regular meeting and vote on it and that was good enough.

BHS Varsity Men's Golf starts off season; invites public to home matches

Belleville High School Varsity Men's Golf started playing April 15 at an away match with Crestwood. The Varsity posted second with Ryan York carding a 47; Ty Thompson, a 44; Anthony Guthrie, a 52, and Austin Marsnic a 48 for a 191. The Crestwood team carded a total of 189.

Belleville's home opener fell on April 20 at 3 p.m. at their home course at Harbour Club. They entertained Annapolis.

The rest of the home schedule is:

- April 27 – Romulus
- May 1 – John Glenn
- May 4 – Garden City
- May 13 – Thurston

All starting times are 3 p.m. Come out to see these linksters perform. All the other matches are away. Admission is free.



An art show put on by the art teachers in the Van Buren Public Schools with the help of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts drew families to the Belleville High School Commons on Saturday afternoon. List of winners next week.

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• **Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24** – September Days Senior Center Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township.

• **Thursday, April 23** – Wayne County Executive Warren Evens will be in the Ted C. Scott Multi-Purpose Room at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a community meeting to talk about fiscal challenges faced by the county and an update on solutions. This is the fourth of four community sessions planned. To RSVP email rsypsoc@waynecounty.com

• **Friday, April 24** – Belleville Band Boosters want to fill Lodge Lanes to help the band purchase instruments, instrument repair, sheet music, computer software, uniforms and more. The Boosters made a \$17,000 donation towards the BHS Symphony Band's Carnegie Hall trip last month, so they are working toward replenishing their general fund. 7 p.m., check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. \$20 per person. Food, bowling, raffles. Info: Amy Pearce (734) 787-8890

• **Saturday, April 25** – Mom-2-Mom & Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston. Entrance donation is 1 non-perishable food item or \$1. Or, 8 a.m. early bird donation is 2 non-perishable food items or \$2. Shop for great deals on gently used clothes, toys, books, games, etc. Proceeds to the Willow Women's group Community Outreach Program.

• **Saturday, April 25** – Walk-in registrations for Belleville Cougar Football and Cheer for the 2015 season from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wayne County Community College – Western Campus on Haggerty Road, room C104.

• **Saturday, April 25** – St. Aloysius Church is holding a Bingo event at its Activity Center, 37200 Neville St., Romulus, from 1 to 7 p.m. to raise money for the Church Picnic. Cash prizes on all bingos, paper and hard cards, 50/50. Refreshments available. License #V08107

• **Saturday, April 25** – "Hooray for Hollywood" is the spring concert of the Belleville Community Chorus, starting at 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. Free, but donations are accepted. Concert features Hollywood movie songs from the 1930s to the present.

• **Saturday, April 25** – You're invited to tour a local farming location that uses no pesticides, herbicides or insecticides. The City of Romulus has paired up with Romulus resident Alex Ball to host a tour of one of his Old City Acres farming locations. Come to Romulus City Hall parking lot

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• **Tuesday, April 28** – Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates will be honored at dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. in the BHS Commons, tour the high school, and then participate in the induction ceremony at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. The public is invited at 7 p.m. to the ceremony which includes BHS National Honor Society inductees.

• **Wednesday, April 29** – Belleville Area Women's Club presents its 2015 Spring Fling Fashion Show, BYC Clubhouse. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., fashion show 8 p.m. Tickets, \$32. Kathie Steigewald, (313) 570-6115 and Becky Thornell, (734) 231-7326. Proceeds benefit the Community and Education Fund.

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The **Belleville High School Seniors** are holding a bottle and can drive this Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at two locations, the Belleville High School parking lot and at Victory Park. All donations will be used to help off-set the cost of the 2015 senior class party.

Lakefront Window Cleaning is a local company that serves the tri-community with interior and exterior window cleaning. Owner **Jason Segur** is offering \$15 off any exterior job or \$30 off both interior and exterior cleaning with his ad coupon in today's paper. Lakefront is licensed and insured and serves commercial and industrial customers, too. Call **(734) 740-0857**.

The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** of Sumpter Township are selling tickets to their annual **Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser Dinner** on May 2. Call **(734) 461-9458**.

St. Pauls' Lutheran Church in nearby New Boston is holding its 2015 Spring Indoor Flea Market today through Saturday and the **September Days Senior Center** is holding its indoor flea market today and tomorrow at the Van Buren Township Municipal Center.

Zywicki Greenhouses on Willow Road just east of Rawsonville Road is opening tomorrow, April 24, selling bedding plants, flats, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, rose bushes and more. They're open at 8 a.m. seven days a week. Owner Donald Zywicki and family have been growing commercially for over 50 years. Visit www.zywickigreenhouse.com and call **(734) 461-6197**.

Vendor booths are available for the **Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds Community Indoor Flea Market, Garage, & Craft Sale** on May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the grounds at **5055 Ann**

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We're wrapping up the official Sumpter Fest program booklet this week and there's still time to get your advertising in. Call me today at (734) 699-9020. There will be 9,000 booklets printed. Then we'll get busy with the Strawberry Festival Program of which we're going to print 12,000. Deadline is May 21. I can email or fax the rates over to you or you can stop by

the office here at 152 Main Street during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 5, 2015

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the SPECIAL ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015. Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST. Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following proposals will be voted upon:

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
 - Increase sales/use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
 - Increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
 - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
 - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Yes ☐

No ☐

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS MILLAGE PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.13 mills (\$1.13 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive? This levy would renew the sinking fund levy previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for an additional seven (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$1,715,961 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.

Yes ☐

No ☐

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the following statement has been received from the County Treasurer of the County of Wayne as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the Community College District, to wit:

The County Treasurer's Statement

"I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that as of April 14, 2015 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

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City of Belleville Public Notice



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WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan
City of Belleville
Van Buren School District

Taxing Authorities	Election	Voted Increase	Effective
Wayne County	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Van Buren Public School District	November, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non homestead only)
	November, 2008	1.13 mills	2015

NOTICE FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the May 5, 2015 Special Election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Application for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the May 5, 2015 Special Election is Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: April 23, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, April 29, 2015, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2003	FORD	PU	1FTYR10D53PA14845	15-3902
1999	VOLKSWAGE	4D	WVWMA63BXXE494184	15-4170
1997	GEO	2D	2C1MR2264V6728839	15-4734

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1978	CHEVROLET	2D	1Z37U8R412062	15-0764
1998	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCCS19X9W8107412	15-3031
2003	DODGE	4D	1B3ES26CX3D226767	15-3385
2002	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WK52J52F143246	15-3385
2010	TOYOTA	4D	1NXBU4EE7AZ264234	15-3385
1997	HONDA	4D	1HGCD5653VA142525	15-3686
1997	FORD	4D	1FALP53S7VA107489	15-3854
2000	SATURN	4D	1G8JU52F0YY609071	15-3972
2001	CHRYSLER	SW	1C4GP44371B196515	15-4258
2000	DODGE	4D	2B3HD46R2YH249798	15-4497
1991	GMC	PK	1GTCS14E7M2523965	15-4541
2001	FORD	SW	1FMYU04171KF08509	15-4630
1998	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WP5216WF272233	15-5190

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: April 23, 2015

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, April 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water and Sewer Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, May 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session cancelled because of May 5 election. Belleville City Council meets at 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, May 5 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting cancelled because of May 5 election.

• Monday, May 11 – Belleville City Council work/study session to consider rehabilitating all the streets in the city with a possible bond, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Tyler Elementary School

Distinguished Graduates to be honored at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 28

This year's Distinguished Graduates of Belleville High School will be honored at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 28 at the Belleville High School Auditorium and the public is invited to attend.

Those to be honored are: Dr. Eugene Bleil, Class of 1938; Frank Rochowiak, Class of 1957; and *Posthumous* honor to Harold Belanger, Class of 1967.



City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes April 6, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve agenda with the removal of Items 8D Wounded Warrior Project and 8E Egan's Pub Use of Fourth Street square.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 16, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. The Senior Alliance

Aimee Page, Quality Training Manager of Senior Alliance was present to discuss the 2016 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services.

B. Veterans of Foreign Wars – Buddy Poppy Sales

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-039 to approve a request from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4435 to solicit for funds on Main Street at intersections for the annual National Poppy Days Sales on May 7th, 8th and 9th of 2015 from 5:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. BFD Autism Boot Drive Solicitation

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-040 to approve a request from Belleville Fire Department to solicit for funds to support the Annual Autism Boot Drive on April 9, 2015 at Main and High Streets from 3-7 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 15-041 to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Strawberry Festival Administrative Policy Policy for push off vehicles

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve Resolution No. 15-042 to recess regular meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:53 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Long, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: April 20, 2015

Publish: April 23, 2015

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 627 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

- Sunday, April 12:**
0010 – suspicious situation, Tyler/Morton Taylor
0219 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
0237 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/W. Huron River Dr.
0946 – agency assist, Sumpter/Hull
1034 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd.
1331 – malicious destruction of property, Hancock
1359 – found property, DNR Rawsonville
1550 – suspicious situation, Robson Rd.
1604 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1755 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1808 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse/Morton Taylor
1811 – suspicious situation, Wayne County Fairgrounds
1853 – fight, Maple Dr.
1919 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2022 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
2114 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2137 – fight, Maple Dr.
2307 – private property investigation, Archwood

- Monday, April 13:**
0852 – PPO violation, Parkwood Dr.
0912 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville
0935 – private property investigation, Bemis Rd.
1001 – noise complaint, Arthur St.
1059 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1315 – mental, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1329 – agency assist, Denton Rd.
1353 – suspicious situation, Belleville Square
1502 – child abuse, Tyler
1715 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1717 – agency assist, VB Estates
1844 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1854 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1948 – noise complaint, Parkwood Manor
2027 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
2118 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
2209 – noise complaint, Westlake
2235 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Oak Ln.
2333 – noise complaint, Ayres Ave.

- Tuesday, April 14:**
0026 – assault & battery, Meadows Cir.
0749 – fraud, Lake Point Pass
0810 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
0841 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1022 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1213 – private property accident, Victoria St.
1225 – assault & battery, Birch Dr.
1417 – property damage accident, Linda Vista Ct. / W. Huron River Dr.
1607 – private property accident, Kirkridge Park
1639 – agency assist, Parkwood Dr.
1814 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1824 – breaking & entering, Congress St.
1834 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

- Wednesday, April 15:**
0721 – fraud, Forestdale Dr.
0923 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
1026 – intimidation threat, Savage Rd.
1326 – dumping complaint, Parkwood/Hardwood
1337 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1516 – juvenile complaint, VB Estates
1615 – sexual assault, Locust Dr.
1727 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1806 – private property accident, Belleville
1943 – juvenile complaint, Pine Dr.
1952 – ATV/ORV complaint, Gilmore/Cross
2149 – agency assist, Victorian
2235 – trespassing, Belle Pointe Dr.
2325 – fraud, Belleville

- Thursday, April 16:**
0005 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0009 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
0309 – operating while intoxicated, I-94/Haggerty
0852 – larceny, Van Buren St.
1000 – agency assist, Haggerty Rd.
1005 – fraud, Stonebridge Dr.
1018 – personal injury accident, Belleville/S. Service Dr.
1058 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.

- 1231 – narcotics crime, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1309 – civil matter, Leo’s Coney Island
1320 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1330 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1400 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1511 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Village Center Dr.
1607 – narcotics crime, Oak Ln.
1724 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1749 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1845 – fraud, N. Bellridge Dr.
1900 – sexual assault, Denton
1937 – private property accident, Van Buren Plaza
2005 – fraud, Dora Ct.
2007 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2128 – suspicious situation, Tyler Rd./Hannan Rd.

- Friday, April 17:**
0117 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville/Martz
0811 – larceny from auto, Harmony Ln.
0850 – unattended death, Crowley Ave.
0919 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1225 – fraud, Mida Dr.
1246 – fraud, Timberview Ct.
1256 – missing person, Parkwood Dr.
1547 – weapons violation, Tyler Rd.
1654 – fraud, Belleville
2012 – intimidation threat, Dalton Dr.
2051 – retail fraud, Belleville
2105 – assault & battery, Rolan Meadows Dr.

- Saturday, April 18:**
0505 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0803 – property damage accident, Ecorse
1002 – missing person, Village Green Ln.
1014 – missing person, Farm Rd.
1049 – disorderly conduct, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1112 – assault & battery, WB I-94/Belleville
1138 – agency assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1226 – suicide or attempt, Holly Ln.
1313 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1340 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1652 – assist fire dept., WB I-94/rest area
1723 – larceny, Old Rawsonville
1725 – missing person, N. Dartmoor Cir./Lancaster
1753 – shots fired, Hull Rd.
1833 – animal bite, E. Huron River Dr.
2137 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
2256 – personal injury accident, Michigan/bypass
2259 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 240 traffic stops, 60 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, April 12:**
0157 – suspicious vehicle, Main St./Fourth St.
0232 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
0947 – agency assist, Sumpter/Hull
1701 – property damage accident, Family Dollar
1720 – welfare check, Victorian
1907 – animal complaint, Carmelll St.
2255 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty St.

- Monday, April 13:**
0343 – shots fired, Second St.
0926 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
1040 – neighbor trouble, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1458 – private property accident, W. Columbia
1515 – follow up, W. Wabash Ave.
1631 – private property accident, W. Columbia
1844 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1845 – parking complaint, Owen Intermediate
2104 – missing person, N. Aberdeen Ct.

- Tuesday, April 14:**
0125 – suspicious vehicle, Village Park
0851 – found property, Belleville Bridge
1003 – assist fire dept., Sumpter rd.
1006 – larceny, Henry St.
1528 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Owen St.
1700 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
2121 – follow up, Willis
2136 – mental, N. Liberty St.

- Wednesday, April 15:**
0837 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0938 – neighbor trouble, Potter Dr.
1545 – property damage accident, W. Wabash Ave. / South St.
1652 – trespassing, Horizon Park
1844 – follow up, Third St.
2143 – family trouble, Victorian Ln.

- Thursday, April 16:**
0746 – juvenile complaint, High St.
0840 – traffic complaint, A&W
0940 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1046 – assist fire dept., Owen
1142 – harassment call, E. Columbia Ave.
1205 – noise complaint, Glass Factory
1239 – vehicle lockout, Menlo Park Dr.
1250 – E-911 hang up/investigation, E. Columbia
1304 – noise complaint, E. Wabash
1529 – information, Main St.
1712 – tamper motor vehicle, N. Liberty St.
2013 – domestic assault, Belle Villa
2142 – domestic assault, Clarence St.

- Friday, April 17:**
0033 – disorderly conduct, Egan’s
0309 – suspicious vehicle, Main St.
0552 – welfare check, Anaheim
0715 – vehicle repossession, N. Edgemont Ave.
0846 – personal injury accident, Main St./N. Liberty St.
0931 – background investigation, Main St.
1406 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1641 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1819 – suspicious situation, Sumpter Rd.
2110 – follow up, N. Liberty St.

- Saturday, April 18:**
0144 – domestic assault, W. Columbia Ave.
0236 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Plaza
0243 – suspicious situation, W. Davis St./South St.
0246 – intrusion alarm, South St.
1026 – civil matter, Church St.
1449 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1542 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
1610 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
1906 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2043 – suspicious person, Owen Intermediate Schl.
2152 – intrusion alarm, Third St.
2218 – breaking & entering, Belle Villa
Also on this week’s log are 47 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, April 12:**
0412 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0521 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0601 – mental health commitment, Pecan
1103 – alarm, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1850 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1912 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2134 – suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville

- Monday, April 13:**
0232 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1057 – alarm, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1127 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1150 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1157 – fraud complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1318 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Willis
1341 – threats complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1451 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1539 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Claxton
1611 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1612 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1614 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1653 – identity theft report, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1847 – warrant pickup, out of township
2036 – lost property report, 8100 bl. Rawsonville

- Tuesday, April 14:**
0648 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Martha Dr.
1027 – suspicious incident, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

- 1133 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1208 – warrant pickup, Rawsonville/Willis
1338 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1359 – found property, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1415 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1431 – attempt warrant pickup, 23000 bl. Elwell
1441 – warrant pickup, 25000 bl. Elwell
1457 – suspicious incident, 5700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1518 – traffic hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1525 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1538 – fraud complaint, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1619 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1655 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1715 – odor investigation, 8300 bl. Rawsonville
1759 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1902 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2026 – disorderly person, Carriage Ln.

- 2133 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2243 – warrant pickup, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, April 15:
0509 – assault, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1304 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1328 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1353 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1455 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1527 – traffic hazard, Martinsville/Dunn
1557 – threats complaint, Rustic Ln.
1739 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1741 – civil dispute, Texas
1756 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1803 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1828 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1924 – ORV complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2321 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2330 – property damage accident, Willis/Elwell

- Thursday, April 16:**
0815 – dumping complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1509 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

- Friday, April 17:**
0444 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
0957 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1147 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1414 – reckless driving complaint, Rustic Ln.
1512 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Sherwood/Arkona

- 1548 – neighbor dispute, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1553 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1709 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1755 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1846 – alarm, Carriage Ln.
1855 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1939 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
2156 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2235 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2359 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

- Saturday, April 18:**
0531 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Judd
1108 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1156 – assist other agency, 34000 bl. Willow Rd.
1334 – alarm, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1336 – neighbor dispute, Carriage Ln.
1357 – alarm, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1704 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
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Also on this week’s log are 26 follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 202 patrol checks, and 33 traffic stops.

Correction: Asphalt has much, much less PAH than coal tar sealers

On our story on the hazards of coal tar driveway sealers on page 19 of the April 16 *Independent*, there was a mistake in the figures on the PAH in asphalt-based driveway sealers.

The correction is for the fourth paragraph, in which we stated that asphalt-based driveway sealers contain 0 - 1% PAHs. The correct figures are 0.005 - 0.01%, about one-thousandth of the concentration of PAHs found in coal tar-based sealers.

Thanks to Dr. David Wilson for straightening that out for us. We regret the error.

We asked Dr. Wilson to explain, in 25 words or less, just what PAH is. He said 33 words are what he needed: “Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are chemicals composed of joined rings of carbon atoms with attached hydrogens. They are common in substances containing coal tar. Many can cause cancer, birth defects, and genetic mutations.”

Dr. Wilson added: “For further information, see the Wikipedia article on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons ... which, while not an organic chemistry text, is pretty good.”

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, Editor

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More Letters

Thanks for supporting Autism fund raiser

To the Editor:

Thank you all for coming out and supporting the second-annual Autism Fund Raiser at the Van Buren Eagles on April 11.

My name is Rich Cetnarowski II and I'm the treasurer of the Van Buren Eagles and this was my second year chairing this wonderful event. We raised \$22,195.47 minus expenses \$2,757.12 = \$19,438.35, with possibly more donations coming for both events we did the Autism Walk on March 28 and the fund raiser April 11.

I want to give a huge thank you for everyone that donated: Van Buren Eagles in Ypsilanti, Ypsi American Legion, Belleville Co-Op Seniors, Marti's Gift Gallery, all of Belleville, Cedar Point, MGM Grand, just to name a few. We had over 200 companies, people, businesses that donated, so thank you. I want to thank everyone that showed up to both events. I want to thank my president, Gary Smith, of the Eagles Aeries for picking this as one of his fund raisers again and having me chair it again. I had a wonderful committee and couldn't have done it without them.

There is no "I" in Team. My co-chair was Kelly Sherwood and my committee members were Mike and Diane Cullen, Rozanne and Tim Ogger. Special thanks to my wife Lisa, my daughter Allie and son Nicolas. This is why I do this, because my son is autistic.

More of my committee members were my dad Rich Cetnakowski, Sr., my Aunt Linda and Uncle Chuck Watson, Sean Darrol and Sharon MacKay, Tonya Loucks, John and Jeanette Quackenbush, Kathy and Gary Smith (my accountant for the fund raiser - thank you), Joanie Reyer, Addie Siler, Corenna Stabnau and Ruth Ann Spencer (my Co-Op ladies), Bridgette Felix, Tom and Tela Fountain, Lance Patton, Kelly Wenzel, Angie Gimik, Brandy Steiner, Conroy, Sharon Steiner, Trish Mauldin, Janice Eaton, Pat and Kay Pickup, Donn and Carol Zywicki (Zywicki's Greenhouse), Ginger Bruder, Diane Krause, Sandy, Pam,

Jessica, Melissa, Bob Ellers and Paula, the Van Buren Eagles in general (Aeries, Auxiliary, Reac, Eagle Riders and the Joes). Also, all my family members that came out. My cousin Ryan and Connie Gibler (auctioneers). I had three big tables of family. I thank April Williams for the entertainment, Rose's Catering for the food and Trish, aka "Cupcake Lady" for providing the desserts. If I missed you, I am so sorry. Just so many to thank. So, in general, thank you all for coming and supporting our second-annual Autism Fund Raiser and Walk.

Sincerely,
Richard L. Cetnarowski II

P.S. All the money raised will go to Van Buren Public Schools autism programs, Webster Elementary in Livonia and Burger in Garden City and Inkster. All schools teach children with autism. And I thank you for this honor again for having me chair this event. I look forward to doing it again next year. See you all next year. Next year will be better and bigger. Thank you to the Belleville *Independent* and the Belleville Chamber of Commerce for all the advertisement.

Disco light continues to flash on South Street

Dear Editor,

I notice every time I drive through the City of Belleville at night a street light that flashes like a disco light in front of Gulf Auto Lube on South Street. Do businesses get to strobe a street light to attract customers or is a just a plain malfunction of the new LED lamp they just installed.

James Oztman
Van Buren Township Resident

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